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BONN FOR AMBASSADOR STRAUSS. GENEVA FOR MTN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EEC, MTN, EGEN
SUBJECT: MTN

1. I HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT THE FRENCH BLEW UP
IN COREPER JULY 13 OVER COMMISSION ACTIONS IN AGREEING
TO THE GENEVA STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF TOKYO-
ROUND NEGOTIATIONS.

2. FRENCH HAVE TAKEN POLITICAL RESERVATION TO THE ENTIRE
DOCUMENT AND ARE ALLEGING THAT THE COMMISSION EXCEEDED ITS
MANDATE. SOME OTHER MEMBER STATES HAVE ENTERED RESERVA-
TIONS ON PARTICULAR POINTS BUT ARE SAID TO ACCEPT THE
POLITICAL FACT OF LIFE THAT THE DECLARATION CANNOT BE
UNDONE NOW.

3. COREPER HAS BEEN RECONVENED TODAY (JULY 14) AND THE
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ARGUMENT IS CONTINUING PRIMARILY BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND
THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION IS SAID TO BE DETERMINED
TO DEFEND ITS ACTIONS IN GENEVA. IT ARGUES THAT THE
DECLARATION IS INDEED WITHIN ITS MANDATE AND THAT IT WAS
AND IS INCUMBENT UPON THE COMMISSION TO FACE UP TO ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE COMMUNITY'S NEGOTIATOR. IT IS
SAYING THAT WHILE IT WAS AWARE THAT SOME SPECIFIC POINTS

RAN COUNTER TO SOME MEMBER STATE SPECIFIC RESERVATIONS
THAT IN ITS JUDGMENT THERE COULD BE NO PUBLIC REFERENCES
MADE IN GENEVA DOCUMENT TO DIFFERENCES AMONG THE NINE.

4. ONE REPORT IS THAT SEVERAL DAYS AGO GISCARD HAD SOME
THINGS TO SAY PRIVATELY IN PARIS THAT APPEARED TO HAVE
BEEN A "COUP DE MAUVAISE HUMEUR" ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE
MTN. IT IS SPECULATED THAT THIS BRIEF SHOW OF ANNOYANCE
HAS BEEN MAGNIFIED THROUGH THE FRENCH SYSTEM.

5. MY COMMISSION SOURCE IS HOPEFUL THAT THESE PROBLEMS
WILL BLOW OVER AND NOT COMPLICATE DISCUSSIONS AT THE BONN
SUMMIT BUT AS OF NOW HE IS UNCERTAIN THAT THAT WILL BE
THE CASE. HINTON

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